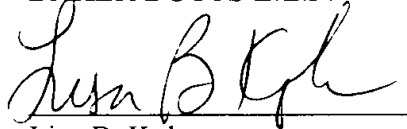


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REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS SHOWING AMENDMENTS

Please replace paragraph the text on lines 8-12 on page 7 of the specification with the following text:

--Figure 10. **The sequence of the proximal promoter region of the mda-5 (SEQ ID NO:3) gene showing landmark restriction sites.** The initiator Methionine codon is highlighted by an open box as are[is] the BstXI sites used to perform an internal deletion that removed the ATG as described in the text.--